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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For: Non-Human Adenoviral Vector for Gene

Transfer, Its Use and the Production Thereof)

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Communication mailed October 7, 2003. A request for a one month extension of time and check for \$55.00 are enclosed herewith. Please consider the following amendments and remarks. However, Applicants provisionally elect with traverse Group I.

AMENDMENTS

Please amend the claims as follows:

- 1. (previously amended) A method for transferring genetic material into a mammalian muscle cell or tumor cell, comprising administering to the muscle cell or tumor cell a recombinant genetic material comprising:
- (a) DNA sequences of a non-human adenovirus which code for at least a viral protein coat, and

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